



### LETTING GO TO LEAD WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE — *Greg Rutledge*

What if the only thing stopping you from your next level isn't what you need to do but what you need to let go of? G-Wiz shares his journey from ego-driven success to purpose-driven leadership in this powerful keynote. Through raw storytelling and the 'G-Wiz Framework,' you'll discover how releasing pride, fear, and distractions can ignite your fire and transform the way you lead, live, and inspire others.



### THE DANGER THAT ILLITERACY POSES TO THE ECONOMY — *Richard Marquez*

Welcome to this crucial and thought-provoking keynote session. Today, we have the privilege of hearing from a distinguished leader in the field of education, a person whose dedication and innovative approaches have left an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals. As the former president and CEO of Texans Can Academies, Richard led the organization from the brink of financial and academic bankruptcy to becoming an award-winning institution. Under his leadership, Texans Can Academies received the D Magazine Non-Profit of the Year Award in 2019. His efforts have greatly enhanced graduation rates and established educational standards that benefit students today.

### Saturday — 1:45 pm

#### Strength, Love and Legacy: My Journey of Purpose — *Cameron Hernholm*

Cameron explores overcoming adversity, from a traumatic brain injury to personal struggles, and embracing the power of giving back. She highlights the joy of motherhood through open adoption, the beauty of a transracial family, and the fulfillment of a lifelong career in fundraising. Centered on love, diversity, and legacy, Cameron inspires others to lead with compassion, embrace challenges, and create lasting impact. Join her on a heartfelt journey of resilience, purpose, and connection.

#### From Waiter to Greater: How to Level Up from Where You Are — *Gregory Rutledge*

G-Wiz, known as the Shaman of Connections, shares info from his first soon-to-be-released publication. This presentation is perfect for leaders, entrepreneurs, and individuals seeking to grow purposefully, build resilience, and inspire others. You will learn practical tools to overcome challenges and lead with integrity in your professional and personal lives.

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## Saturday Luncheon & Keynote

### FINDING PASSION IN VULNERABILITY: A VISIONARY TALE OF RESILIENCE AND INSPIRATION — *Steph Valadez*



Life has a way of unraveling when we least expect it, and for Steph Valadez, that moment came all at once. Stripped of the life she had envisioned; she was forced to ask: Who am I now? Through resilience, vulnerability, and the courage to rebuild, Steph discovered not just a new path, but a deeper sense of purpose. In this keynote, she shares her journey of transformation—one that proves even in our lowest moments, we have the strength to rise, redefine, and rebuild.



## Saturday Night Dinner & Keynote



### RELEASING HIDDEN LEADERS — *Morag Mathieson*

The journey of leadership in Toastmasters can be as unique as we are! There is no single way to release the leader within you. Through it all we can grow ourselves as leaders and empower others to release their hidden potential.

Morag Mathieson, Immediate Past International President of Toastmasters International, is an enthusiastic and experienced Professional Development Consultant with a demonstrated history of working in the healthcare and the education management industry.

### Friday — 5:15 pm

#### The Art of Mentoring— *Morag Mathieson*

Mentoring creates a ripple effect that has an impact on both individuals and their organization, today and tomorrow. We'll look at best practices and share experiences about what it takes to have mentoring that leaves a lasting imprint.

### Saturday — 9:00 am

#### Critical Thinking and Developing Vision, Inspiration, and Passion — *Richard Marquez*

Richard Marquez will guide us through a thoughtful discussion on how strategic and reflective thinking can shape our vision, fuel our inspiration, and ignite our passion. Drawing from his wealth of experience, he will delve into how thinking critically and creatively can lead to remarkable achievements, both personally and professionally. Prepare to be inspired as we embark on this journey together, exploring the transformative impact that thinking can have on developing a clear vision, finding inspiration, and fostering passion. Let's engage, share, and learn from each other as we dive into this vital topic

#### Right People in the Right Seats — *Scott Prickett*

In this presentation, Scott will show you how to transform organizational dysfunction into a competitive advantage and how to flourish where you may have been stuck suffering.

Scott Prickett works with business owners and executives to help them drive company sustainable results by putting the right people in the right seats and then managing the right way. He will discuss the power of leveraging human analytics in your own professional and personal development as well as the potential of multiplying your influence when considering how you communicate with and motivate others.

## Education Sessions

### Saturday — 10:00 am

#### Navigating Life's Lows and the Power of Passion — *Steph Valadez*

Life's unexpected challenges can leave us feeling lost, but they also hold the power to reshape us. In this session, Steph Valadez shares her journey of rebuilding after personal and professional upheaval, offering a framework for resilience and reinvention. Through storytelling, reflection, and guided discussion, participants will explore how to navigate life's turning points, shift their mindset, and take meaningful action toward personal growth. This interactive session will leave you with practical tools to embrace change, redefine success, and move forward with purpose.

#### Wabi-Sabi: Imperfect, Broken and Beautiful — *Lorie Burch*

Wabi-Sabi is a Japanese philosophy that centers on appreciating the beauty of imperfection, impermanence, and incompleteness. Lorie will share her journey of how broken dreams, broken roads, and broken hearts all led to making something beautiful from the broken pieces.

### Saturday — 11:00 am

#### You ARE Funny: Finding Humor in Your Unique Story — *Claire Daigle*

Do you envy speakers who are able to warm up any crowd with disarmingly funny remarks? You may think it's a skill some are born with and some are doomed to suffer without. Guess what? Comedy is an art form that can be learned! This workshop breaks down core principles of comedy into useful tools that you can use on the fly. You'll soon realize you're way funnier than you ever thought!

#### Living With Intention: Uncovering Your WHY? — *Christian Straffon*

This session will provide you with practical tools to uncover your WHY, empower you to design a life of intention, and help you build meaningful relationships. You'll also gain insights into emotional intelligence, guiding you to connect more deeply with yourself and others, while defining the legacy you wish to leave behind.

*Education Sessions at 1:45 pm continued on back*

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